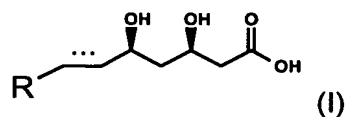


Abstract of the Disclosure

PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS

The invention relates to a process for the manufacture of a compound of formula



or a salt, especially a pharmaceutically acceptable salt with a base, thereof or a lactone

thereof wherein the element  $\text{---}\text{---}\text{---}$  represents  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$  and R represents a cyclic residue.